

FEDERATION SHOW 2003

Wed 7th / Thur 8th of May

Venue: Loreburn Hall

Chairman Jean Wilson Collin

Secretaries Irela Hamilton Durisdeer & Rosalind Davidson Carronbridge

Treasurer Fay Calder, Tinwald

Trophies presented by Joyce McCrae, National Chairman

This show will go down in history for **“the cherry cake saga.”** This was a given recipe using a 7” tin. However some members’ cakes tins were metric and not exactly 7”. Judge measured the cakes, and some were fractionally smaller and so were disqualified as not as schedule. Plus, there were 3 cakes missing at the end of the show.

It had been decided not to give gifts to judges just offer expenses, and to judge to 6 places, then later changed to implement the pointing system recommended by Headquarters. Due to this and the large number of entries an extra 10 judges were asked in April. There were pros & cons to this system, some judges said they would not judge again if they had to point every item. It was agreed to record number of entries

Guests were invited for lunch, stewards to get a bacon roll but to buy their own lunch.

Groups organised members to do demonstrations on the Wednesday night and Thursday to encourage more visitors.

More helpers were required for tea kitchen. It was decided there would be no concession on entry price for wearing Rural badge. Fay Calder made a fruit cake for guess the weight of the cake. Show made nearly £2000 profit

- Individual entries 1561 entered 1255 presented.
- 21 Team works, 10 Handcrafts, 26 Housewives

FEDERATION SHOW 2005

Wed 26th / Thur 27th October

Venue: Loreburn Hall

Chairman May Austin Tinwald

Secretaries Irela Hamilton Durisdeer &

Rosalind Davidson Carronbridge

Treasurer Ella Renicks Thornhill

Trophies presented by Alison Bailey, National Chairman

A given recipe for sultana cake to be 7” Approx. Just 1 wine class either red or white

Individual entries not to be pointed only placed. Following suggestion after 2003 show it was decided to change from 25 members and under to 20 members and under for trophies

Judges to be given a tea towel.

There was a lengthy and difficult discussion on whether stewards had to pay when show was open, put to a vote and it was decided to charge.

Catering for judges, stewards and guests; - it was decided to do this ourselves, with a final change to soup, roll & sweet for judges/ steward on the Wednesday (stewards had to pay), and guests having Afternoon tea on the Thursday. This had not been a viable exercise as the catering facilities were not suitable.

It was decided to have a bits and bobs table. Refund from the council of £100 due to the leaking roof

- Individual entries 1731 entered 1348 presented.
- 23 Team works, 13 Handcrafts, 31 Housewives

FEDERATION SHOW 2008

Wed 8th / Thur 9th May

Venue: DG One

Chairman Irela Hamilton Durisdeer

Secretaries Betty Burns & May MacCormick Mennock

Treasurer Ella Renicks Thornhill

Trophies presented by Janette Rothead, Federation Honorary member

In May 2007 some of the committee had a meeting with Steven Jack from the Council. He suggested in the nicest possible manner “as it might be more mature ladies using the facility, he could drop the hourly rate from £42 to £31.50”. As the facility would have catering, we would not be able to have tea or baking kitchens.

As this was a new building it would not be necessary to go in as early on set up day as we would not need to clean hall before we started.

We were not allowed to have an admission charge but could have a box for donations at the entrance, (suggested donation £1)

Competition to design new show poster was won by Mima Telfer Mennock.

At the February 2008 meeting we were told the council were confident DG1 would be open end of March, but if not, we could use Loreburn Hall. It was decided regardless of venue we would not have a baking kitchen but have a home baking stall, items to be wrapped. It was noted that at the lower hourly rate, less hours, not requiring electrician or sound system cost would be approx. £400 less than Loreburn Hall.

Raffle tickets: - a mix up had occurred with community workshop, who only printed 200 books instead of 2000, as they had now closed, tickets were reprinted elsewhere. After these were distributed it was noticed price had not been printed on the ticket, these had to be retrieved and rectified using a small hand stamp and redistributed.

It was decided not to use table drapes and to have name badges for committee A disclaimer to be added to claim form "Due to Health and Safety implications baking item are removed at exhibitors' own risk."

On 17th March six members of the committee attended DG One, the building was still not handed over to the council but were assured we would be able to use facility. Catering was still not confirmed, but we would not be allowed to do anything in the building ourselves, the option of taking judges to the nearby Railway Club where we could cater was still an option if necessary.

We did have our show in DG One. before it was officially opened, it was agreed it was an excellent venue for the show. Slight upset re catering but it was smoothed over by last day of show . Some stewards had made a complaint regarding having to pay for their lunch, only stewards still with judge and who had not finished judging were allowed to have lunch paid. Suggestion made for future, perhaps only have coffee and tea served before judging and all stewards to receive lunch. It was noted that some areas do not require 2 stewards per judge.

Judges were presented with a federation mug filled with tablet and a keyring. Janette Rothead was presented with a bottle of Glenmorangie. Show made a profit of about £300

- Individual entries 1260 entered 1083 presented.
- 50 institute entries

FEDERATION SHOW 2010

Fri 29th /Sat 30th Oct

Venue: DG One

Chairman Irela Hamilton Durisdeer

Secretaries Betty Burns & May MacCormick Mennock

Treasurer Anne Ewing

Trophies presented by Marion Davidson, National Chairman

Additions to rules "Team exhibits to be staged by Rural Members only" Cellophane tops only for jams, jellies, curds and marmalade.

2 New trophy boards were purchased at a cost of £195.50 there is space to add future trophies

Annie Sloan was producing scrolls to go with the 3 trophies that did not have a place on them to be engraved.

Gift for Marion Davidson, Dumfriesshire mug filled with Moffat Toffee and a new Dumfriesshire canvas bag

Results cards to be placed beside each community class

There was a promotions table for SWRI

We were only allowed access to one half of the hall till 8.30 on the Thursday as the council would not cancel the gymnastics class

DG One served coffee/ scone and lunch for Judges and stewards on the Fri and afternoon tea for guests on the Sat upstairs in BarDG

FEDERATION SHOW 2013

Federation Show 10th – 11th May 2013

Venue: DG One

Chairman Betty Burns Mennock

Secretaries Jane Hogg & Norma Rae Mouswald

Treasurer Anne Ewing Eaglesfield

Trophies presented by Jean Wilson

Collection of exhibits- It was decided that just prior to collection stewards would open all staging cards so names could be checked when people collecting their exhibits.

Exit door to the car park to be manned

DG One provided a small coffee bar in the main hall on the Friday evening and Saturday

Reverted back to 2008 layout

- 1465 individual entries, (1231 presented on the day) from 173 exhibitors of 36 institutes
- 51 community works and 6 groups

FEDERATION SHOW 2015

Federation Show 16th – 17th October 2015

Venue: Dumfries High School

Chairman Marion Bell Newington

Secretaries Jane Hogg & Norma Rae Mouswald

Treasurer Anne Ewing Eaglesfield

Trophies presented Dame Barbara Kelly

This show was scheduled to be held in DG One on 30th -31st of October but had to be rescheduled to 16th-17th October to fit in with school holidays when we **changed to High School** in May 2015 when it was announced that the remedial work at DG One would not be starting till Autumn 2015. (DG1 did not reopen till July 2019).

It was decided not to have any Tombola/Baking stall due to being a smaller hall

Grant of £2000 received from SSE Clyde (Dumfries & Galloway) community fund

It was decided to give a gift to judges,. We purchased Moffat Toffee and Lockerbie creamery donated packs of cheese
Each guest was given a Corsage

School Kitchen provided coffee and lunches for the judges& stewards in the main hall on the Friday and afternoon tea served in the staff room for guests on Sat,

We provided coffee and biscuits when the show was open, with a donation box on the tables for the SWI teapot fund raising campaign "Water for All" supporting ACWW.

FEDERATION SHOW 2018

Fri 25th /Sat 26th October 2018

Venue: Easterbrook Hall

Chairman May MacCormick Mennock

Secretaries Jane Hogg & Norma Rae Mouswald

Treasurer Jean Muir Kirkmahoe

Trophies presented by Linda Retson, National Chairman

A double first for Dumfriesshire SWI - Our first show in a new venue Easterbrook Hall, and first time of holding a Craft Fayre. 21 crafters came along and sold their goods, with many getting bookings to come and speak at institute meetings

Easterbrook provided coffee and lunches for the judges & stewards on the Friday and afternoon tea for guests on Sat.

They also has served light meals and coffees when the show was open in the Duncan rooms

Fewer schedules were printed with a note going to institutes that they could get more and that it would be available online

Slight upset that items on afternoon tea plates had not been cut and tasted. When judges were asked, they said they had tasted most of the items in the individual classes, but from competitors this was not the case for some of the items .

It had been decided to present the classes "to be donated" on the Saturday afternoon just before the raffle was drawn.

Rosie Copeland from Mead Medical Services collected 21 competitive and 26 non-competitive Twiddlemuffs and

Laura Moodie from MOOL Massive Outpouring of Love – Dumfries and Galloway Refugee Action collected 16 competitive and 10 non-competitive Pillowcase dresses, which she said would be sent to Cambodia

Judges were presented with a jar of ByHeck jam. Linda Retson was presented with a pair of Sanquhar gloves